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In re Application of:  
Kellner et al.

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Engineering of Cartilage In vitro

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Examiner: M. Brannock

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**Response to Notice of Incomplete Reply**

Sir:

This response is being filed in reply to the Notice of Incomplete Reply, mailed May 16, 2003, in connection with the above application. Applicants apologize for inadvertently failing to elect a single species of hedgehog therapeutic for search purposes only. Applicants hereby elect with traverse, and for search purposes only, di-palmitoyl Sonic hedgehog.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's acknowledgement of Applicants' election of Group I. With respect to the election of species, Applicants additionally note the acknowledgement of Applicants' election of collagen. Election of Group I and collagen were with traverse, and Applicants' election of species was for search purposes only.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-15 constitute the pending claims in the present application, and Applicants elect with traverse inventions of Group I. If any clarification of the above response would facilitate prosecution of this application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the

undersigned at 617-951-7000. Should an extension of time be required, Applicants hereby petition for same and request that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this submission be charged to **Deposit Account No. 18-1945**.

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